

**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
NINETEENTH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. M-10-3

ENACTMENT NO. M. 2011. 001

SPONSORED BY: Don Harris

1 MEMORIAL

**2 CALLING ON THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
3 AND RESPONSIBLE PARTIES TO IMMEDIATELY CHARACTERIZE AND ABATE
4 THE GULTON WATER CONTAMINATION AT THE GULTON INDUSTRIES SITE.**

**5 WHEREAS, hazardous industrial solvent wastes were disposed of at the
6 Gulton Industries site near the Tijeras Arroyo in Southeast Albuquerque; and**

**7 WHEREAS, investigations at the Gulton Industries site demonstrate that
8 the hazardous wastes, including trichloroethylene (TCE), are present in
9 ground water; and**

**10 WHEREAS, the demonstrated concentrations of TCE present in ground
11 water at and near the Gulton Industries site exceed safe levels established by
12 the State of New Mexico and the United States; and**

**13 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque continues to maintain open
14 communication with community leaders and government agencies and other
15 interested or affected groups and identify and monitor and respond to
16 community concerns; and**

**17 WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico Environment Department has
18 presented the City of Albuquerque Administration with information regarding
19 the federal Superfund program that is administered by the US Environmental
20 Protection Agency through which the investigation and clean up of
21 groundwater contamination can be funded upon designation of a site on the
22 National Priorities List; and**

**23 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has a compelling interest in protecting
24 the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens including vigorous protection of
25 the City of Albuquerque's limited ground water resources; and**

**26 WHEREAS, contamination from the Gulton Industries site threatens the
27 ground water, a valuable resource for the City of Albuquerque.**

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
2 ALBUQUERQUE:

3 Section 1. The City of Albuquerque calls upon the appropriate State
4 authorities and responsible parties to act immediately to characterize and
5 abate the contamination to ground water emanating from the Gulton Industries
6 site and if necessary support adding the site to the National Priorities List.

7 Section 2. The City Legal Department shall monitor progress at the site
8 and shall investigate legal remedies available to compel an expedited clean up
9 and report back to the City Council.

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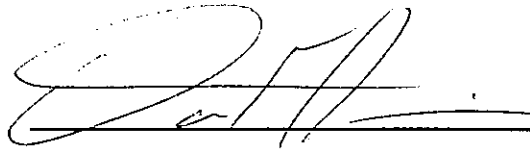
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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF January, 2011
2 BY A VOTE OF: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST.

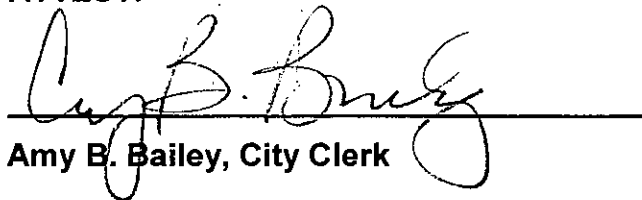
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